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GLENDALÉ WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT WINS TOP STATE HONOR FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – AZ Water Association has selected the city of Glendale for its 2016 large city wastewater collection system of the year award. Glendale has received this award two other times in recent years, during 2012 and 2013. In addition, Glendale received six awards for safety measures implemented at its various water facilities and plants.

The city of Glendale wastewater collection system is responsible for transport of wastewater, in an environmentally safe manner, from businesses and from residents' homes to the wastewater treatment facilities. Glendale water service staff was evaluated on how it performed proactive, preventive and corrective maintenance including hydro-cleaning, root control, roach control, customer service and emergency response. This work includes minimizing sewer stoppages, sanitary sewer overflows and backups into homes and businesses, and reducing odors and corrosion problems in the collection system.

"There are 14 employees who take care of an area almost 60 miles wide and each staff member deserves the recognition for this distinguished award, said Water Services Department Operation Superintendent Mark Fortkamp. "This shows how they care about the citizens of Glendale and they take ownership every day for what they do."

AZ Water is the state level association for American Water Works Association (AWAA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). AZ Water administers the safety awards under eligibility criteria based on both AWAA AND WEF.

"This award shows the high standards we set in our department and the level of responsibility we take to provide a safe working environment," said Water Services Department Safety Coordinator Sam Garza.

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